

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7535

Investigation into: (1) petition of AARP, for the )  
establishment of reduced rates for low-income )  
consumers of Green Mountain Power Corporation and )  
Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; and (2) as )  
expanded to possibly include general applicability to all )  
Vermont retail electric utilities )

Order entered: 10/28/2011

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

On September 19, 2011, I convened a status conference in this docket. At that time, the parties discussed issues relating to the procedural schedule and discovery for the next phase of this case. At the end of the conference, I asked the parties to confer with each other for the purpose of developing an assented-to procedural schedule. On October 3, 2011, AARP filed a proposed procedural schedule. On October 4, 2011, the Vermont Department of Public Service (the "Department") filed a letter advising that all parties have assented to the procedural proposal filed by AARP. Having reviewed the assented-to proposal, I hereby adopt the following procedural schedule with modifications that clarify the nature of the filings to be made in this proceeding:

November 18, 2011	Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") and Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") shall each file a proposed plan for the establishment of a low-income rate program that complies with the requirements of the Vermont Public Service Board's Order of July 22, 2011 (the "Compliance Proposal").
December 9, 2011	Deadline for comments on the Compliance Proposal to be filed by the Department, AARP, IBM and any other party.
January 3, 2012	Deadline for GMP and CVPS to file written responses addressing any comments filed on December 9, 2011. As warranted, GMP and CVPS

shall file revised versions of their respective Compliance Proposals to reflect the comments received from the other parties.

January 15, 2012

Deadline for the Department, AARP, IBM and any other party to file comments on the revised Compliance Proposals filed on January 3, 2011.

February 1, 2012

GMP and CVPS shall file final proposed Compliance Plans which shall include (1) direct testimony that explains how their respective proposed plans are supported by the existing evidentiary record of this docket; (2) direct testimony that supplements the existing evidentiary record, as needed, to show how their respective proposed plans are consistent with the requirements of the Vermont Public Service Board's Order of July 22, 2011; and (3) proposed tariffs for implementation upon issuance of a final Board Order approving the respective final proposed Compliance Plans of GMP and CVPS.

Additionally, the parties shall file either (1) an assented-to proposed procedural schedule for reviewing the final proposed Compliance Plans; or (2) a request for a status conference.

The parties further agree that each party shall have the right to conduct informal discovery on each other until February 1, 2012.

**So ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

s/June E. Tierney

June E. Tierney  
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED:      October 28, 2011

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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